

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Ravi Iyer

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For: PLANARIZATION USING PLASMA
OXIDIZED AMORPHOUS SILICON

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Dear Sir:

PRELEMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-11 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 12-23 as set forth below:

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